

The History of Seaborn Wadsworth

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Captain Alexander Wadsworth of Duxbury took his young wife with him on one of his voyages. In the Sea of Bengal they were becalmed many days and she gave birth to a son who lived but the mother died. The sentimental old salts on board raised heaven and earth till they reached port where they secured a nanny goat to supply milk for the baby. All went well till the goat died. Then they fed the baby on sea biscuits soaked in rum. The baby thrived and was

named "Seaborn." In due course of time the voyage was ended and the vessel sailed into Duxbury bay. Word was carried by a faster vessel and the Duxbury women were at the wharf to welcome the baby. Alas: The later was so attached to his male nurses that when the women tried to take him, he screamed.

"Seaborn" Wadsworth was brought up in Duxbury and must have gotten over his aversion to women for he married and raised a large family.

(The present Richard Mallowney house on Washington St. is on the site of the Capt. Alexander Wadsworth house.—Ed.)